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FOR LORD (EYES ONLY) FROM BARTHOLOMEW

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: YAF LETTER

1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT LETTER I SENT YOU FROM YAF
PRESIDENT IS PART OF YAF MINI-LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN
TARGETTED ON WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN FOUR
OTHER LETTERS WHICH CAME TO DEPARTMENT FROM WHITE HOUSE
IN SAME CHANNEL AS EARLIER LETTER OVER PAST WEEK FROM
YAF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YAF MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL
DIRECTOR, YAF SENIOR NATIONAL DIRECTOR, AND STATE CHAIR-
MAN MISSOURI YAF; ALL ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT, ALL
SAYING ROUGHLY THE SAME THING.

2. I THINK THIS DECISIVELY TILTS BALANCE IN DIRECTION
YOU WERE LEANING OF BRIEF BUT FIRM RESPONSE THAT PA
CAN USE TO ALL OF THESE AND ANY OTHERS OF THEIR ILK.
THERE FOLLOWS DRAFT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TAILORED TO
YOUR GUIDANCE.

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3. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR SEPTEMBER 2 LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

CONCERNING MR. ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE COMMENTS YOU REFERRED TO STEM FROM AN INACCURATE PRESS ACCOUNT OF AN INFORMAL,

OFF-THE-RECORD MEETING WHICH MR. LORD HELD IN AUGUST WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SUMMER INTERNS WHICH PRESS DID NOT ATTEND. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS PRESS REPORT APPEARED THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE STATED AUTHORITATIVELY AND CATEGORICALLY THAT MR. LORD DID NOT USE THE WORD FASCIST TO CHARACTERIZE MR. SOLZHENITSYN. MR. LORD DID INDICATE THAT HE DISAGREED WITH SOME OF MR. SOLZHENITSYN'S VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY. HE ALSO CALLED SOLZHENITSYN A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE AND INTELLECT AND EXPRESSED GREAT ADMIRATION FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A WRITER AND FOR WHAT HE REPRESENTS A HUMAN BEING.
END TEXT

4. LETTER WOULD BE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED AND IN ALL CASES SIGNED BY REINHARDT. LETTER ENDS RATHER ABRUPTLY, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT IS A BAD THING. BILL BLAIR (PA) AGREES THAT THERE SHOULD BE A RESPONSE TO YAF LETTERS AND HAS CONCURRED IN DRAFT ABOVE.

5. SINCE ALL FIVE LETTERS HAVE COME TO THE DEPARTMENT ONLY WITHIN THE LAST WEEK OR SO, BLAIR TELLS ME THAT WE COULD HOLD ANY RESPONSE UNTIL YOUR RETURN WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM. NICK FEELS THAT YOU SHOULD POSTPONE A DECISION UNTIL YOU RETURN AND HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO CONSIDER HOW BUCKLEY MATTER RELATES TO YAF AFFAIR AND THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR THAT.

6. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO SIT ON THIS UNTIL AND UNLESS WE HEAR FURTHER FROM YOU. HABIB

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